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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden
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Subject:- Recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972- regarding.

Reference:

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516 dated 31.03.2022
2. Application vide letter No.WLW/K/2021-22/1386-88 dated August 25, 2021, from Wildlife Warden, Kathua, for recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Kathua

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, I am directed to inform that the application for the recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Shri P.C. Tyagi, IFS (Retd.) was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on June 24, 2022.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 106th meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on September 27th, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir for a period of two years and, subject to compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the Zoo Operator may be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 106th Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has granted the recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir for a period up to

January 06, 2024 under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Central Zoo Authority.

Sl.	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/ recommendations	Time Period to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	10.1(4)	Rescue centre has no boundary wall this should be constructed as per CZA specification to prevent any access to the RC by stray dogs and prevent other nuisance.	Three months
2.	10.1(6)	The office of the Range officer is inside the RC, it should be separated by wall/ fence and should have separate entry.	Three months
2. Administrative and staffing pattern			
3.	10.2(3)	No scientific and technical posts in RC except Vet Officer from AHD who visits RC on call, technical staff as envisaged in CZA rules should be appointed.	Six Months
3. Development and Planning			
4.	10.3(1)	The RC has minimum facilities and the enclosures are not as per CZA specifications, The RC should first prepare layout plan, animal enclosure design along with DPR for the approval of CZA.	Six Months
5.	10.3(3)	Fairly dense forest in which RC is established, the colour of the enclosure and other buildings should be changed to dark colour to merge with the landscape.	Three months
6.	10.3(4)	RC receives rescued animals, hence collection plan is not required. However, the RC should be planned based on the number of rescued animals likely to be received annually.	Three months
7.	10.3(5)	The RC has deficient infrastructure, Quarantine and isolation ward and PM room should be constructed.	Six months
8.	10.3(6)	The CZA should be informed promptly about the endangered species rescued.	Immediate
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
9.	10.4(1 & 2)	The Bear and leopard enclosure design is not as per CZA specification. The size of feeding cell is inadequate, animal keeper gallery and paddock/ Kraal not constructed. Submit Design for approval of CZA.	Six months
10.	10.4(3)	RC to improve the enclosure design and change as per CZA specification and maintain security of animals and keepers and provide opportunity for free movement of animals.	Immediate
11.	10.4(9)	RC signage not required. Some warning signs for keepers are necessary.	Two months

5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
12.	10.5(1)	No secondary holding area additional kraal to be constructed.	Six months
13.	10.5(2)	Food/meat supplied as per diet schedule but food stock inventory and timely distribution records not maintained.	Immediate
14.	10.5(2)	Storage facilities to be improved with slabs and animal feed preparation facilities and freezer.	Immediate
15.	10.5(2)	Design of feeding cell: The Pea fowl and wild pig enclosure is very small and not as per CZA specification. Barking deer is kept along with Wild pig by portioning the cell and absence of keepers gallery and kraal affects the security of animal keeper and the animals. The modified design should be submitted to CZA for approval.	Three months
16.	10.5(3)	Rescued animal should be screened for health parameters, parasitic loads and prophylactic medicine administered when required.	Immediate
17.	10.5(3)	Schedule of vaccination and deworming to be prepared.	Immediate
18.	10.5(3)	Record of animal health to be maintained. Animal keepers Diary, Daily report, animal history card and treatment card to be maintained, as per standard specified by the CZA.	Immediate
19.	10.5(3)	RC staff to be screened periodically for Zoonotic disease as per CZA norms.	Immediate
20.	10.5(3)	RC to develop linkages with vet institutions for technical advice and draw MOU for long term collaboration.	Two months
6. Veterinary and Infrastructure facilities			
21.	10.6(1)	Zoo lacks any Vet health infrastructure though treatment room is available. Basic minimum equipment and infrastructure viz. Quarantine/isolation facility and PM room to be provided.	Six months
22.	10.6(4)a	RC should provide opportunity for participation of Vets for training programme/ residency for skill development in wildlife medicine.	Six months

A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter. Further, half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of the aforesaid conditions should also be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir for the period beyond January 06, 2024 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, mid-term evaluation and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time, if the zoo operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: as above


(Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla)
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, R. No. 2/7, 2nd, Floor Main Building, Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001 / R. No. 307, 3rd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar - 190001 (E-mail: cs-jandk@nic.in) [Zoo Operator of the Rescue Centre Jasrota, Jammu & Kashmir under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Wildlife Warden, Kathua, College Road, Forest Complex, Kathua-184102, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Email: wildlifekathua1@gmail.com).
3. The DPA, O/o CZA, (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in) – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.